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HOUSE RESOLUTION 279
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mrs. Earlene Evans, on the occasion of Provider Appreciation Day, for her laudable service to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have devoted their careers to the care and education of Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day annually honors those individuals who conscientiously and compassionately perform the challenging and rewarding tasks of educating and caring for Tennessee's most important asset, our children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Earlene Evans is one such remarkable individual, who has distinguished herself as a child care professional of the greatest ability, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mrs. Evans established her own daycare facility; in 1994, she accepted a position with an area dentist, and, due to her employment, began offering child care services only at night and on the week-ends; and

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WHEREAS, after nine months, she returned full-time to the child care profession and opened a pre-school in Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, this remarkable woman was honored with the Tennessee Association for the Education of Children's Family Child Care Award; she was the first recipient of this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, a leader among child care providers, Mrs. Earlene Evans is the Founder of the Moore-Coffee Family Child Care Support Group and has served as the Secretary and Public Policy Chairperson for the Tennessee Family Child Care Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans is also an active member of the Tennessee Association for the Education of Children (TAEYC), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Tennessee Family Child Care Alliance (TFCCA), the Community Development Center's Child Care Resource Committee, and the Southeastern Child care Association (SECA); and

WHEREAS, a vital member of the South Central Association for Family Child Care (SCAEYC), she astutely serves on the organization's Board as the Representative for Family Child Care; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her profession, Mrs. Earlene Evans has served as a speaker at local and State conferences and has presented workshops on child care in Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville, and in the South Central Region; and

WHEREAS, committed to building on her education and professional child care skills, Mrs. Evans is currently studying Early Childhood Development at Motlow State College; and

WHEREAS, NAFCC-accredited for Moore County and its surrounding counties, she is a TFCCA Four Star Provider and has graciously served as a Mentor for Project Tennessee's Outstanding Providers Support Through Available Resources; she has attended Administrations and Discipline Training and is one of TFCCA's TN-CCPT Family Child Care Trainers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Earlene Evans exemplifies the spirit of allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is a loving mother of three children and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans has devoted her many talents to the care of the children of her community; countless young lives have been enhanced by her loving care and dedicated, thoughtful service; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this year's Provider Appreciation Day, which will be held on May 10, 2002, it is fitting that members of this legislative body recognize Mrs. Earlene Evans for her many years of extraordinary service to the families of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Mrs. Earlene Evans on the occasion of Provider Appreciation Day on May 10, 2002, commend her unswerving commitment to providing exceptional child care, express our gratitude for her meritorious service to the children of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.